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1. In recent days various Syrian military attachés in Europe have received urgent orders from Damascus to obtain tanks, special artillery and mounts, as well as spare parts, especially for the German weapons delivered by France.
2. The orders were that this materiel must reach Syria by the beginning of July 1954. Instructions were that if the materiel were not available in West Germany it must be obtained from the East Zone Republic. In connection with economic negotiations a delegation from East Germany has been asked to come to Lebanon [sic].
3. The attachés in Holland, Belgium and France got in touch with the German East Zone government by way of Hamburg, in an effort to obtain the materiel in time.

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